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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 31 October 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Birru, US 2002/0037058.

In considering claims 1, 4-6, 8-9, 11, 13-14 and 17-18,

a) the claimed a frequency domain equalizer... is met by FFT 1103 and output of signal multiplier 1105 which outputs an equalized frequency signals which is then processed by IFFT 1106 and then channel estimator 1104 (Fig 12).

c) the claimed a time domain equalizer... is met by LMS 1204 (as described in applicant's specification which can be one of the time domain equalizers)

d) the claimed an error providing part... is met by error calculation 1210 (Fig 12).

However, the background art of Birru does not explicitly recite "a noise removing part". The concept/practice of noise removal is a notoriously well known procedure in the TV field in order to provide a user with an ideal (noise-free) signal, where the reduction of noise can take place anywhere/multiply in the system from the transmitter to the receiver.

Therefore, the examiner takes “OFFICIAL NOTICE” regarding the use of a noise removing part, in order to provide the user most accurate reproduction of the transmitted signal (i.e. without noise) and hence an optimal display.

In considering claim 2,

a) the claimed converting a received time domain signal...is met by FFT 1103

b) the claimed equalizing the frequency...is met by multiplier 1105 (Fig 12)

c) the claimed converting...is met by IFFT 1106 and 1205

In considering claims 3, 10, 15 and 19,

The background of Birru (Fig 12) discloses that the received signal is processed by FFT 1103, multiplier 1105, IFFT 1106 and then channel estimation is performed via 1104 which converts the response/signal into frequency signals via 1203 and 1207, where the filter response (coefficients) are renewed/updated to correct for distortion.

In considering claims 7, 12, 16 and 20,

Birru does not explicitly recite the renewing faster than a field sync period, although the concept of synchronizing the signal fast/before the field sync is known in order to maintain a undistorted picture, thus the examiner takes “OFFICIAL NOTICE” regarding the recitation of such feature. In the event the applicant’s wishes to traverses such notice the examiner would like the applicant to review cited US 6,816,548.

Conclusion

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2. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure—see newly cited references on attached form PTO-892.
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian Yenke whose telephone number is (571)272-7359. The examiner work schedule is Monday-Thursday, 0730-1830 hrs.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's Supervisor, David L. Ometz, can be reached at (571)272-7593.

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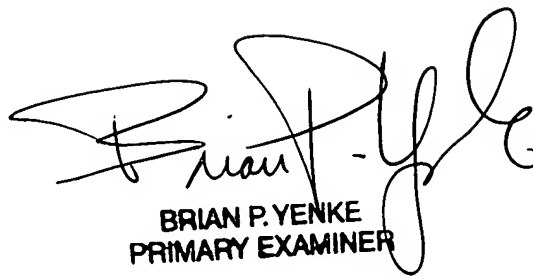
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B.P.Y.
31 May 2006

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Brian P. Yenke' in a cursive script.

BRIAN P. YENKE
PRIMARY EXAMINER